

WHAT WILL THE BENEFITS OF THE NEW SECURE DRIVER'S LICENSE AND ID PROGRAM BE?

The new Secure Driver's License and Identification (ID) Card Program is a nationwide effort to improve the integrity and security of all driver's licenses and ID cards in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

The goals of this new program are to reduce identity theft, make it more difficult for criminals to obtain false identities, to protect your personal information, and help fight terrorism.

Since driver's licenses and state-issued ID cards serve so many purposes, often times criminals and terrorists actively seek to obtain fraudulent copies of state-issued documents.

Effective January 3, 2012, you will be required to bring your Birth Certificate, Social Security card, and two proofs of West Virginia residency in order to obtain a driver's license or ID card.

Please make sure your Social Security records reflect your full legal name, as reflected on your other documents. DMV must be able to establish a name connection between documents, therefore your full legal name must match your name on file with the Social Security Administration. Your documents will be scanned and returned to you, which will provide DMV with a historical record, and provide you with additional protection.

With this new program being implemented nationwide, we will have more reliable safeguards against terrorism and identity theft while still maintaining individual privacy. Specific benefits include:

- *Cutting down on identity fraud by using the latest technology to produce tamper-proof licenses and ID cards.*
- *Making it easier for law enforcement officials to detect documents that have been falsified because of multiple layers of added security features.*
- *Aiding in safeguarding personal information.*
- *Making it more difficult to tamper with or create counterfeit driver's licenses and ID cards.*
- *Aiding law enforcement officials in identifying persons who are not here legally.*

Also, you will have an opportunity to choose a Real ID compliant driver's license or ID card with a gold star meeting full Federal requirements for use at airports and other federal facilities.

QUESTIONS?

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Understanding THE NEW SECURE DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS



Documents Required for the

New **SECURE** DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS

All first time and renewal applicants for a driver's license or ID card are required to provide their Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, TWO proofs of West Virginia residency with address and name, and name change documents if their name has changed in accordance with Federal standards.

Proof of Identity

(Must have one)

- U.S. Birth Certificate: An original or certified copy of a United States-issued birth certificate (U.S. Department of State and U.S. Military birth certificates ARE acceptable. Hospital birth certificates are NOT acceptable)
- Valid unexpired U.S. Passport
- If foreign born, valid, unexpired Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Documents

Proof of Social Security Number

(Must have one)

- Original Social Security Card
- Wage and Tax Statement (W-2) or payroll stub with the applicant's employer name and employer ID number, as well as the applicant's name, address, and Social Security Number
- SSA/1099 Form (Social Security Benefit Form)

Proof of WV Residency Documents

(Must have two)

- WV utility bills (not more than 60 days old)
- Tax records with a WV street address
- WV mortgage documents, WV homeowner insurance documents for a WV residence or proof of WV home ownership
- WV W-2 form not more than 18 months old
- WV weapons permit
- A Valid WV Motor Vehicles registration card
- WV voter's registration card
- WV driver's eligibility certificate (School Enrollment Form) if applicant is under age 18 with the applicant's WV street address
- WV Homestead Tax exemption
- Proof of WV Public Assistance
- Residential rental or lease agreement
- WV DMV Affidavit of West Virginia Residency

Be advised that Post Office Box addresses cannot be used as proof of WV Residency.

Proof of Legal Name Change

Any change in your legal name must be represented through one of the following proof documents: Marriage Certificate, Certified Copy of a Birth Certificate, Court Order, or Divorce Decree with Name Change.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applicants applying for a West Virginia driver's license that are transferring from another state must provide their valid out-of-state license. If the applicant's driver's license is lost or stolen, a certified driving record (no older than 30 days from the date of application) from their previous state must be submitted.

Commercial Driver's License/Graduated Driver's License applicants are required to have additional forms and/or documents.

For further details on additional forms and documents that may be required, please contact the DMV (refer to the blue box below).

Before you visit the DMV, be sure you have everything you need to get your driver's license or ID card.

Call us at **1-800-642-9066**, and we will be happy to answer any of your DMV questions. If you prefer to visit us on the web, you can find us at **www.dmv.wv.gov** to access DMV related information anytime you need it!